

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until February 22, 1996 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Terry R. Hassett,
Chief, Branch of Gulf Rim Adjudication.
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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; South Baggs Area Natural Gas Project, Carbon County, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to conduct scoping for the South Baggs Area Natural Gas Project, Carbon County, Wyoming.

SUMMARY: Under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rawlins District Office, will direct the preparation of an EIS on the potential impacts of a proposed natural gas field development project. Between 40 and 50 gas wells and associated facilities could be constructed on approximately 11,000 acres of private, Federal and State lands, over a 10-year development period. The project area is located in Carbon County, Wyoming. The proposed action may be modified, as a result of comments received during scoping or anytime during the preparation of the draft EIS, to include actions that may, upon review, require a plan amendment to the Great Divide Resource Management Plan. Also, in accordance with 43 CFR 3420.1-2, this notice serves as a call for coal and other resource information to solicit indications of interest and information on coal resource development potential in the proposed project area and on other resources which may be affected by the proposed project. Affected Federal Lands are administered by the BLM Rawlins District office. The EIS

will be prepared by a third party contractor.

DATES: Comments on the scoping process will be accepted through March 1, 1996. Public scoping meetings are not planned at this time.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins District Office, Larry Jackson, Team Leader, 812 E. Murray, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Larry Jackson, Team Leader, 812 E. Murray, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301, phone 307-324-4841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meridian Oil, Inc., has proposed a 10-year field development project. The proposed project area, referred to as the South Baggs Area, is generally located in Townships 12 and 13 North, Ranges 92 and 93 West sixth principal meridian, Carbon County, Wyoming. The project area is located approximately 2.5 miles west of Baggs, Wyoming, along the Wyoming-Colorado border. The project area is approximately 11,000 acres in size. Land ownership is 91 percent Federal and 9 percent private. The mineral estate is 5.8 percent State owned, 9 percent privately owned, and the remaining 85.2 percent is Federally-owned mineral administered by the BLM Rawlins District office. The Federal land surface involved is also administered by the BLM Rawlins District office.

Meridian Oil, Inc.'s, proposal is to drill 40 to 50 new wells and construct associated facilities, including roads, well pads, pipelines, and compressor stations. Most of the subject area is within the South Baggs Oil and Gas Unit and not subject to spacing restrictions. Drilling of exploratory or confirmation/delineation wells on existing Federal leases will be permitted during the preparation of the EIS, on a case-by-case basis. A site-specific environmental assessment will be prepared for individual drilling proposals for each of these applications.

This EIS will address cumulative impacts and will include consideration of effects of other proposed oil and gas projects, addressed in the recently completed EISs for the Mulligan Draw Gas Field Project, the Creston/Blue Gap Natural Gas Project, the Greater Wamsutter II Natural Gas Project and the Continental Divide Project Development Area. Potential issues to be addressed in the EIS include, but are not limited to: Impacts to wildlife populations and their habitat, access road development and transportation management, surface and ground water

resources, impacts from additional drilling and production activities, reclamation, noxious weed control, conflicts with livestock grazing operations, protection of cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and cumulative impacts.

Dated: January 17, 1996.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Notification; Recommendations From CITES Secretariat on Prohibitions of Trade in Certain Animal Species From Fourteen Countries

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information No. 25.

SUMMARY: This is a schedule III notice. Wildlife subject to this notice is subject to detention, refusal of clearance or seizure, and forfeiture if imported into the United States. Violators may also be subject to criminal or civil prosecution. This Notice of Information is an update from the prohibitions contained in NOI 24. Specifically, this NOI removes the prohibition on imports of leopard cat from China, and adds prohibitions on imports of three species of hinge-back tortoises from Ghana and Greek tortoises from Turkey.

DATES: This notice is effective on January 23, 1996. This notice will be effective until further notice. The import measures announced in this notice shall apply to shipments of wildlife which have a date of export or re-export fifteen (15) days after the effective date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Susan S. Lieberman, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., room 420C, Arlington, VA 22203, regarding Notifications to the Parties, or Thomas L. Striegler, Special Agent in Charge, Investigations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive., room 500, Arlington, VA 22203, for enforcement actions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Susan S. Lieberman, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358-2093, regarding Notifications to the Parties, or Thomas L. Striegler, Special Agent in Charge, Investigations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law